

# What Every Woman Should be Glad to Know

## CHEAP AND INFORMAL ENTERTAINING



AFTERNOON tea is certainly one of the nicest, simplest and least expensive ways of entertaining friends informally, and most women enjoy the congeniality of a few kindred souls far more than large formal affairs. During the late spring and early summer months tea is served on the porch or under the trees in the garden if the hostess is lucky enough to possess such a charming environment in ideal settings for the daintily equipped tea table, a silver service is always lovely for such a table, but delicate china seems more appropriate to the informality of such an occasion.

Among the illustrations the afternoon tea hostess will find in the garden hat centerpiece a charming floral decoration, which would be especially appropriate for porch parties. The straw hat is caught up into a jaunty basket shape and tied about with gauze ribbon the shade of the color scheme. Poppies and grasses fill the hat seen in the picture. Tea, chocolate or some kind of fruit punch is usually served at these 5 o'clocks and often all three beverages when the affair is large and

### A Pretty Custom



HANGING THE MAY BASKET.

AN old and pretty custom that has survived the practicality of the present age is that of hanging baskets of flowers on front door bells the first day of May. Children delight in this practice. They get up with the lark on this May morning and scour the woods and gardens for blossoms. Small boxes covered with crepe paper

or raffia baskets are filled with the flowers, and when nobody is near the door picked out to be beautified with a basket the small girl or boy stealthily creeps up and fastens her offering to the bell or doorknob. The bell is then rung furiously, and in the twinkling of an eye the last thing seen of the donor is a pair of heels and a flutter of skirts in the distance.

rather formal. But there are some staunch souls who prefer their cup of coffee and drink tea only under protest. It would save the hostess some embarrassment if she could know beforehand the varying tastes of her guests; then she could gather together the tea devotees and coffee fiends on separate days.

A klatch klatch for the last named guests would be just the thing, and the tray illustrated, attractively set for the German afternoon function, may give the hostess an idea of the latest equipment in this line. The coffee set is of colonial design carried out in silver, and the cups and plates are of finest Dresden china. The high vase at one side of the tray is filled with roses and sweet peas.

When a small 5 o'clock tea party is being entertained it is easier to have the tea made in the kitchen and brought in with the tea things on a tray. Tea with sandwiches or little cakes and nuts and candies are sufficient refreshments. There are many varieties of sandwiches, but the secret of a delicious ham sandwich served recently at an afternoon tea was in the

cooking of the ham and in the abundance of the mayonnaise used in mixing. The ham had been boiled until it was brown and then ground very fine and mixed plentifully with mayonnaise. The meat may be cooked in the oven, a thin slice being allowed to bake until it is well browned, or the ham may be fried. There is more definite flavor about ham cooked in any of these ways than there is if it is boiled. Sandwiches spread with quince jelly

**A WATCH FOR THE CUFF.**  
With many of the mannish jackets the stiff linen cuffs are being affected. The latest novelty is a cuff watch, to be inserted as a button in the left cuff, just as a stud would be. It is inconspicuous and very convenient, for the maker of the watch guarantees that the size of the timepiece in no way interferes with its reliability as a timekeeper.

To the women who refuse to wear their watches pinned in (tempting to the thief) array at the front of the bodice and to the ones who cannot with convenience push one below the belt this new idea comes as a suggestion. Whether it will be adopted is another question. For a motorist of either sex this cuff watch ought to prove a happy thought.

**WHEN WASHING UP.**  
All cups and pitchers should be occasionally scrubbed around the handles with a well soaped, stiff brush. If this is not done they are apt to get a grimy appearance that is anything but appetizing.

Never use soap when washing china with gilt on it. If you do, do not be surprised if the gilt gradually disappears.

Soapy water will clean it quite as well without doing any harm.

**TO CURE A COLD.**  
To a trained nurse is due this somewhat unusual remedy for a cold which if taken in time is infallible:

To a glass of milk add a teaspoonful of powdered ginger. Sip slowly. If a sense of chilliness is felt the milk can be made hot, but not boiling.

This simple remedy has been known to break an apparently bad cold overnight, but the milk should be taken when the first creepy sensations are felt.



and sprinkled with minced nuts are very appetizing, and a filling of fig paste sprinkled with ground peanuts is also good. The figs are boiled until they can be mashed into a paste and are then seasoned lightly with lemon juice.

A new wrinkle is to serve little French rolls stuffed with shredded chicken dressed lightly with mayonnaise. As the sandwiches are usually made early on the day of the tea, a fine way to keep them moist is to lay them in a covered tin box on the bottom of which have been placed some lettuce leaves. Wrung out of cold water a piece of table linen almost dry and line the box. On the bottom place a few of the bread crusts to absorb any moisture which may cling to the linen. Cover the top of the box in the same way and put the lid on tight. Cared for in this way, the sandwiches may be kept fresh several hours.

When fruit punch is desired fill punch glasses half full of diced pineapple and oranges and top the mixture with mint ice. Lemon or orange ice may be used instead of the mint.

The hostess of today in her search for novelties often achieves in her experimentation some delicious new combinations of food as well as improvements on the old recipes. One idea that results in a novel mingling of flavor is the mixing of two kinds of stock for bouillon served at card parties and similar occasions. To be

handed with the soup to supplant the usual salted crackers are buttered slices from the sandwich loaf neatly trimmed and wound around crisp stalks of celery dipped in mayonnaise.

For a spring luncheon the individual service shown in one of the illustrations is charming. The menu is written on heavy cream paper in envelope form, the flap decorated with hand painted spring blossoms. The miniature favor basket is of green satin straw filled with real flowers, while a butterfly hovers over them in realistic fashion. The ices served could be made in the form of butterflies and colored daintily.

If there is one feature more than another that the smart entertainer expects her ingenuity upon it is the question of frozen delicacies. The day is past when a neapolitan, vanilla or chocolate block or mold is considered good form.

There is a fashion item connected with smart afternoon tea etiquette which is very amusing. I refer to the new "tea and toast veils" that have meshes so conveniently flexible that milady may slip her tea through the coarse silk openings. It is no uncommon sight to see women drinking afternoon tea and nibbling toast through the new veils without discomfort.

**Tasty Food For Spring Tables**  
DELICIOUS sauce for meats may be made of dried apples and peaches. Use equal parts of peaches and apples and soak them three or four hours in cold water. At the end of that time simmer them until they are tender, rub them through a colander and season with sugar, cinnamon or cloves to suit the taste. The sauce makes excellent pies. A little lemon juice either for the sauce or the pie is an improvement.

For light potato croquettes mash and season hot potatoes as if for table, add the yolk of an egg and beat very light. Form the paste into croquette shapes, roll in egg and cracker crumbs and place on ice. Fry in deep fat when the croquettes are very cold.

A fair imitation of planked fish may be made on a platter. Put the baked or broiled fish in the center of a dish and rim it with seasoned mashed potatoes dropped around by the tablespoon in egg shaped portions, alternating with wedges of lemon and sprigs of parsley.

Very thin slices of bread buttered and put together in sandwich fashion with a thin slice of meat or cheese may be toasted on both sides until they are heated through. Serve hot.

Apples fried with bacon make a tasty breakfast dish at this season of the year when the appetite begins to be jaded. Baked apples are delicious served on individual dishes, the apples broken apart and the broken sides and space filled with whipped cream sprinkled with nuts.

A good way to use left over celery is to stew it tender, mixing it with a white sauce and turning it over toast. The water in which the celery boils should be mixed with cream for the sauce, or the water may be used to dip the toast in before the sauce is turned over it.

**Artistic Furnishings For the Summer Bungalow**  
The illustration shows the living and dining rooms of an attractive bungalow of inexpensive type, built and occupied during vacation days by four schoolteachers.

The floor covering on the two rooms is of generous sized straw rugs in a charming shade of dull green, with a Greek key border done in a lighter tone of the same color. These straw rugs are very strong, and a 12-by-14 size costs less than \$10. Brown willow chairs and couches are used, but the reading table and plant stands are of wood in mission style. Wooden models are more substantial for such purposes than the willow forms, which are apt to be wobbly. The lamps hung from the center of the rooms on wrought iron chains have willow shades in lattice design. They are lined on the inside with dull finished

### IN THE WORLD OF MODES.

A MOTORING coat of mercerized cotton is a splendid investment and an inexpensive one as well. These coats come in cream and drab color. A silk and cotton mixture makes a serviceable coat, and for summer white drill is smart, although the cost of laundering makes it expensive.

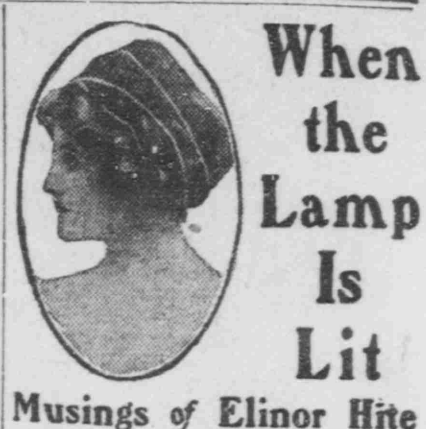
Blues are fashionable this season in many tones. Navy blue, goblén, delft, porcelain, royal, cadet and ciel are some of the shades that find favor. Think of being sent for samples of blue with trimmings to match!

The new veil is of a very coarse silk first mesh of gossamer-like texture. But the main point about the veil is its arrangement. It is divided in front, falling from the hat in straight lines at each side and the back.

On many white linen coat suits gilt buttons are used to carry out the military air. Crochet buttons that are works of art are used sparingly on linen frocks and shirt waists, and buttons of platted braid carry out the decorations of many cloth costumes.

Quaintly printed cottons in old world designs are being made up into blouses for wear with coat and skirt suits, the plain color of the suit being echoed in slight touches on the blouse, or the blouse material finds its way into cuffs and collar on the coat.

The sleeve of raglan or kimono cut is in again. It is none too easy of accomplishment, and there is no cause for dissatisfaction on the part of the amateur who is not wholly successful in her first attempt. It needs a certain breadth of shoulder and should be avoided by those who would gain width in effect at least. The raglan sleeve in the main has a narrowing effect, but is well suited to the woman of comfortable proportions and generous shoulder measurements.



### When the Lamp Is Lit

**Musings of Elinor Hite**  
THE grownup brother of the family often has a role assigned him—a role he does not take up voluntarily—that of matchmaker for his sisters. And I reckon it is his blissful unconsciousness that enables him to play the part to perfection.

The brotherless girl has fewer chances of meeting eligible men, and when she does the opportunity of cultivating and fostering the acquaintance may not be forthcoming.

True, she may have a matchmaking mother, but this is often a handicap rather than a help.

The unwilling benedict too often discerns the part that a manuvering mamma is playing in the affair and resents it. But when one of his friends takes him home to dinner or invites him for a week end visit he goes without being in the least aware of the danger there might be in it for a freedom loving bachelor.

The brother is usually blind to the charms of his own womanfolk; that the idea of any one falling in love with them never strikes him, and when at last he realizes the truth he does not always approve of it.

But the brother has no longer any part in the matter; his work is done. Decidedly the girl with brothers has more advantages, matrimonially speaking, than the girl without. She has everything done for her without any connivance or planning on her own part.

### The Chanticleer Headdress



THE chanticleer idea has now reached hair ornaments. The fetching arrangement illustrated is made of silver ribbon, with a miniature white

couque tail as a finishing decoration to the metallic bands which extend around the back hair dressing and end at the left side.

Japanese paper in a pompeian red shade. These shades, which are very effective and admit of the light shining through in a manner satisfactory for reading, may be bought for \$2 apiece.

In the dining room inexpensive mission furniture is used, and at the windows of both apartments the easements are hung with madras curtains of cream color sprigged with green. The door drapery between the rooms is of a soft mahogany brown in monk's cloth. This material is a little more expensive than the denim, which it closely resembles, but the monk's cloth is softer and hangs more gracefully than the stiffer fabric. A stencil of meadow grasses and cattail was applied to the curtain by one of the owners of the bungalow. The wall coverings were the most expensive part of the furnishing. A tannish brown grass cloth goes halfway up the wall space, with a fringe of dull green at the top stencilled with cattails and poppies. A picture molding of bamboo joins the two fabrics.

When the purse is not limited the choice of furnishings for the bungalow to be found in up to date shops is fascinating.

**A FINE DRY SHAMPOO.**  
Some girls who are sensitive to cold dread having their hair shampooed frequently. To keep the scalp clean carefully divide the hair into strands. This loosens all dandruff, which should be taken from the hair by loosening it and holding it at arm's length.

Rubbing the scalp with a sponge dipped in witch hazel is a good substitute for the regular shampoo. There are also certain proprietary preparations for scalp cleaning and dandruff removing which do not necessitate wetting the long hair.

**HAIR WORN OFF THE FOREHEAD.**  
Among the minor essentials of the present coiffure is that an inch of hair at the neck and above the ears must show. The braid or swirl must go above this space. It is not considered correct these days to pin the switch down at the very edge of the line of growth.